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(Attachments)

1. Protective Services Working Group (PSWG) July 9, 2001 meeting notes/summary.
2. PSWG attendee sign-in sheets.
3. July 2, 2001 Teletype reflecting threat warning information to multiple agencies.
4. NLETS message dated July 2, 2001, identical to the aforesaid teletype text.

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7/16/01

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PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKING GROUP (PSWG)
MEETING HELD AT FBIHQ 7/9/01

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On 7/9/01, a PSWG meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Flag Room at FBIHQ. The meeting was convened to provide PSWG members with a briefing regarding the increased volume of threat reporting emanating from groups abroad and the potential for terrorism in the United States.

International Terrorism Section Chief Michael Rolince and UC [REDACTED] briefed the attendees on the current threat level within the United States. SC Rolince advised that given the level of threat reporting, the convictions in the East Africa bombing trial, the conviction of Ahmed Ressam, and the recent Khobar Towers indictments, attendees should exercise extreme vigilance. Attendees were provided with a contact number for SIOC and the Counterterrorism Threat Assessment and Warning Unit and were reassured that any specific threat information would be forwarded to their agencies immediately.

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The information provided during this briefing will assist PSWG members in determining if enhanced security measures are needed at federal facilities in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States. Additional PSWG meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

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1 - Mr. Rolince
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1 - [REDACTED]
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① - [REDACTED]
1 - Unit file (Liaison - PSWG)

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BACKGROUND

As you are aware, the PSWG was established to ensure a continuous dialogue between the FBI and those federal agencies tasked with protective responsibilities for facilities and individuals here in Washington, D.C. The PSWG is convened on an ad hoc basis to discuss terrorism-related issues. The 7/9/01 meeting was attended by 36 officials representing agencies such as the Department of Justice, Capitol Police, Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Energy. The Washington Field Office JTTF is represented at the PSWG meetings as well.



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NLETS MESSAGE (ALL REGIONS)

8/1/01

MESSAGE FROM FBI COUNTERTERRORISM DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1998 U.S. EMBASSY BOMBINGS IN EAST AFRICA APPROACHES; THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS CONTINUE.

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AS RECIPIENTS ARE AWARE, AUGUST 7 WILL MARK THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST AFRICA EMBASSY BOMBINGS. AS THE ANNIVERSARY DATE APPROACHES, RECIPIENTS ARE REMINDED OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY IMPACT THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST THREAT ENVIRONMENT.



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POTENTIAL THREAT:

AT THIS TIME, THE FBI DOES NOT POSSESS ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION INDICATING THAT INDIVIDUALS SYMPATHETIC TO THE EAST AFRICA BOMBERS OR USAMA BIN LADEN ARE PLANNING AN ATTACK TO COINCIDE WITH THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBINGS. HOWEVER, IN RECENT WEEKS, THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN TRACKING AN INCREASED VOLUME OF THREAT REPORTING EMANATING FROM GROUPS ALIGNED WITH OR SYMPATHETIC TO USAMA BIN LADEN. THE MAJORITY OF

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THIS REPORTING INDICATES A POTENTIAL FOR ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. TARGETS ABROAD; HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK IN THE UNITED STATES CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED.

CONCLUSION:

RECIPIENTS ARE BEING NOTIFIED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONSIDERS ANNIVERSARY DATES AS A KEY THREAT INDICATOR. ALTHOUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY PERSONNEL ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO EXCLUSIVELY RELY ON SUCH DATES TO "PREDICT" ACTS OF TERRORISM, ANNIVERSARY DATES CERTAINLY WARRANT INCREASED ATTENTION IN ROUTINE SECURITY PLANNING.

RECIPIENTS WHO RECEIVE OR DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL FBI OFFICE OR FBI HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY.